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1. FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF CABINET MINISTER SOUTOMAIOR CONVEYED RESULTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDEN ON THE POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL (A). IN ESSENCE, HE SAID THEY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE MORE ELABORATE OBSERVATIONS THAN THOSE ALREADY MADE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE AND THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR. IT WAS NOT THEIR INTENTION, HOWEVER, TO CAUSE THE U.S. TO DELAY ITS CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. IN FACT, THE MINISTER WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE RESULTS OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS, IN PARTICULAR, THE REACTIONS OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS "IN A POSITION TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN THE BRAZILIANS."

2. SOUTOMAIOR ADDED THAT THE MECHANISM SUGGESTED FOR AMENDING THE 1964 OAS CUBAN RESOLUTION LEFT THE BRAZILIANS WITH A SENSATION THAT IT WAS EXCESSIVELY CRAFTY (ARTIFICIOSO). HE USED THE WORD THREE TIMES DURING THIS POINT IN THE DISCUSSION. GRUDGINGLY HE SAID THAT THE MECHANISM IS JURIDICALLY DEFENSIBLE.

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THE BRAZILIAN INCLINATION AS A RESULT OF THESE

CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE TO ABSTAIN ON ANY VOTE ON
THE QUESTION ACCORDING TO SOUTOMAIOR.
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